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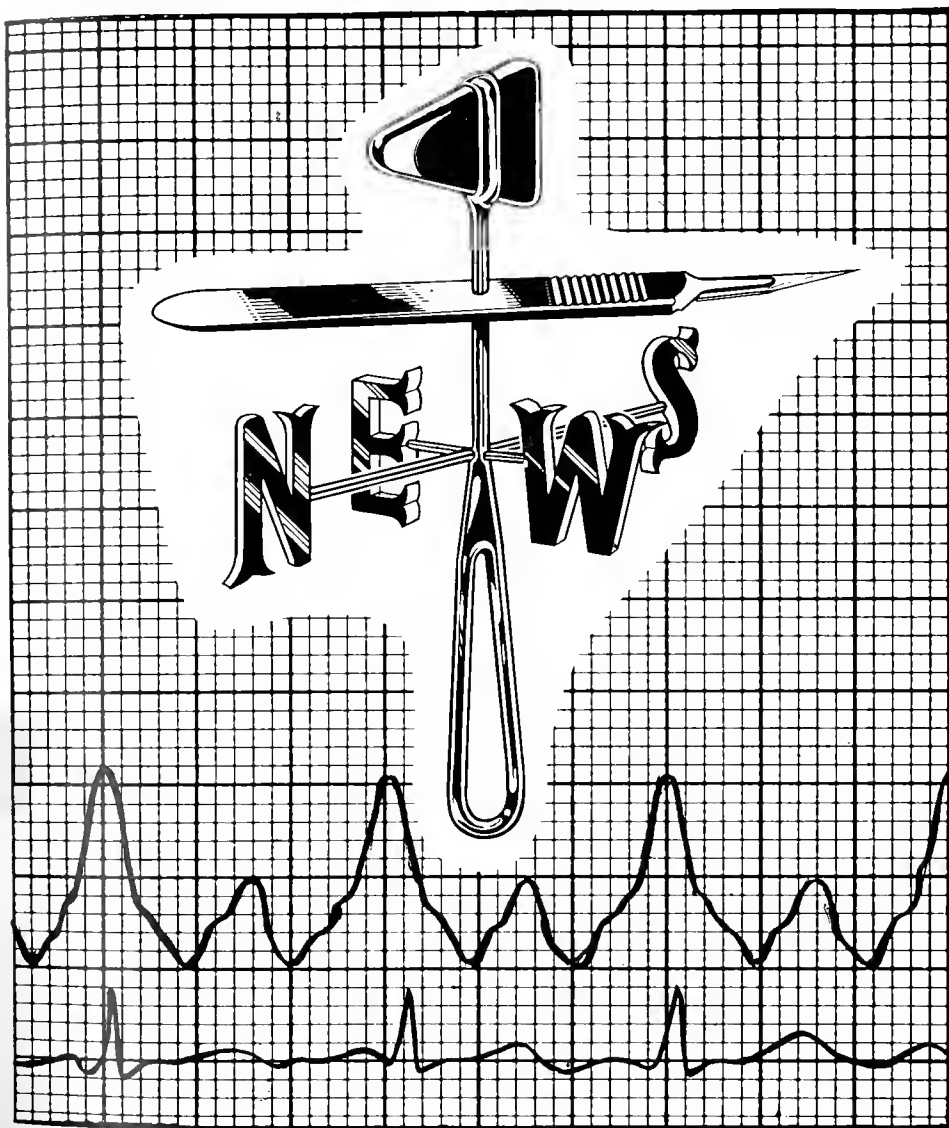
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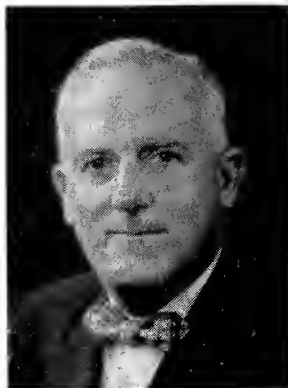
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From the Desk of the President

"I don't want to get involved." This has been the answer by only a few of our doctors when asked to speak out against the King-Anderson bill. Most of the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society are not only willing but eager to tell the true story to patients and friends about the fraudulent attempt to federalize medical care for our aged patients.

With the passage of the tax bill, and with the civil rights measure being debated now in the Senate, we can expect a major push for "Fedicare." If you have considered doing something about this threat to medicine and to the freedom of all Americans, now is the time to speak out for the voluntary way of protecting against the cost of illness. Now is the time to inform your patients about the true facts of health insurance. Now is the time to explain the availability of Kerr-Mills in Ohio to those who need help. Now is the time to reiterate once again the basic credo of American medicine, that medical care is available to *all*, regardless of ability to pay.

Thus far in this country we've been fortunate. We haven't had a Saskatchewan or a Belgium to face. But the hour glass is emptying rapidly. If King-Anderson becomes law, it won't be because there was an urgent need or because the people wanted it. It will be because those who love freedom didn't love enough to translate that love into positive action. If we defeat King-Anderson, and defeat it soundly, it will be because everybody did a little, rather than a few doing a lot.

The question isn't are you going to get involved, Doctor? The question is, when will you be involved?

—Jack Schreiber, M.D.
President

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TENTH MEDICAL-LEGAL BANQUET

The Mahoning County Medical Society will be host to the Mahoning County Bar Association for the tenth annual Medical-Legal Banquet, Tuesday, March 24, at the Mural Room.

The speaker, Dr. A. Reynolds Crane, is chairman of the Medical-Legal Committee of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and vice chairman of the Council of Governmental Relations of the Pennsylvania Medical Society. His subject will be impartial medical testimony.

He is a member of the American Association of Pathologists and Bacteriologists; a Fellow of the American College of Physicians, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, the College of American Pathologists, and the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He is a member of the American Trudeau Society, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is a past president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society, the Philadelphia Pathological Society, and the Pennsylvania Association of Clinical Pathologists.

There will be a hospitality hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., a buffet dinner at 7:00 p.m., and the meeting at 8:00 p.m. Cost of the dinner will be \$5.00. Reservations may be made at the medical society office.

OSMA MEETING IN APRIL

The Faculty of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine will present an outstanding program for a general session at the OSMA 1964 Annual Meeting in Columbus, April 26 through May 1.

Distinguished department heads of the College of Medicine will speak on the subjects of "Surgical Infection," "Current Knowledge of Blood Formation," "Nutritional Factors and Cardiovascular Disease" and what to tell parents who have children with problems in "Reading, Writing and Spelling."

This session, to be presented Friday, May 1, is just one of the many outstanding features of a well-rounded program planned for the Annual Meeting. Other events of interest will be: meetings of the House of Delegates, the trauma program, cancer program, heart program, specialty section and society meetings, exhibits, the President's Reception and the meetings of the Woman's Auxiliary.

The complete program for the OSMA Annual Meeting will appear in the March issue of *The Ohio State Medical Journal*.

DELINQUENT DUES

The names of all dues paying members who have not met their financial obligations to the Mahoning County Medical Society by March 31st will be published as delinquent members in the April Bulletin and again in the May and June Bulletins if their delinquency persists. It shall be the duty of the treasurer of the society to furnish the editor of the Bulletin the names of the delinquent members for publication in the April, May and June Bulletins.

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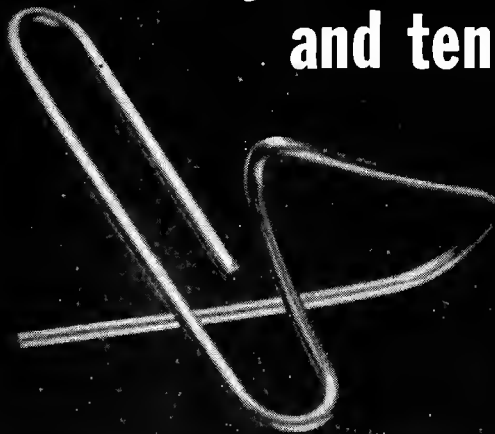
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This is the time of year when many of us realize the need to get away from the incessant grind of practice for a while. As a result, a number of journeys can be reported here. . . Alex Calder is enjoying the sun and sea in the Bahamas. . . Angelo Riberi has returned from a week in the frozen North. He did a great deal of skiing, and rumor has it that some speed records were broken. . . Mike Galose and Frank Morrison soaked up sunshine on the links at Port Ste Lucy, Florida. . . Sidney Davidow sampled the gourmet stuff at Antoine's in New Orleans.

Congratulations to Steve Ondash and the rest of the editorial staff of the St. Elizabeth Hospital Bulletin. The new look of this publication is outstanding. . . The house staff has challenged the attending staff to their traditional annual basketball game. The older men have gallantly accepted the challenge, with the following minor provisos: (1) no intern or resident who has attended practices may play; and (2) members of the house staff must play with one hand tied behind their backs. . . Harold Reese's son, Les, a sophomore at Yale, was one of only four men who passed the FCC test for a radio operator's license. There were 41 unsuccessful candidates.

Latest additions to the diaper corps: a girl for the Rene Cossettes on Feb. 22; a boy for the Sam Squicqueros on Feb. 23. . . A hearty welcome to Don Bernat, who will henceforth lend a helping hand with this column. Keep your ear to the wall, Don.

—Kurt Wegner, M.D.

The favorite mode of escape this time of the year seems to be either skiing or acquiring a suntan in Florida or points south.

The Jake Turners returned well-rested from Fort Lauderdale. The George Pughs enjoyed Antigua and St. Martin. And Dr. and Mrs. Ray Hall are at the present at Antigua. Enjoying the sun and golfing at Port Lucie Country Club are the Al Geerdans, Ben Katzes, Herman Allens and Paul Bauers.

As of this writing, Art Shorten is enjoying his sixth season of accident-free skiing. Bob Tornello, I believe, is our latest victim.

The Cleveland Clinic Educational Foundation had a Symposium on General Practice last month. Physicians attending from our staff were Doctors Friedrich, Detesco, Schreiber, W. P. Young, Burrows, Gordon and DeCicco.

Attending the American College of Physicians Post-Graduate course at Tulane University for one week were Doctors Herman Ipp and David Brown. Topic was "Newer Concepts in Internal Medicine." Dr. Herman Allen at-

tended the New York Academy of Science "Symposium on Hyperbaric Oxygen" last month. Dr. Allen is a member by invitation of the Academy.

Dr. Fred Schellhase was elected president of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church at their last annual meeting. Dr. Harold Segall proudly celebrated the Bar Mitzvah of his son on February 22nd.

Armin Banez, Bernard Schneider, Dick Murray, and Louis Bloomberg are still talking of the wonderful reception given them in the Philippines. To us here at home this news is rewarding and encouraging.

—John G. Guju, M.D.

FEBRUARY SPEAKER WELL RECEIVED

In spite of heavy snow and hazardous driving conditions, sixty-nine members braved the elements to attend the February meeting, the first one in several years that was not a dinner meeting.

Dr. Henry M. Johnson, educator and public speaker, delighted his audience with a combination of philosophy and humor, sprinkled with some basic facts about tensions in today's world. Dr. Johnson (Ph.D.) is a member of the speakers bureau of the American Medical Association. He was introduced by Dr. Ben Berg, program chairman.

Prior to the talk by Dr. Johnson, a brief business meeting was held. Two proposed amendments to the constitution were read by Dr. McGregor, chairman of the constitution committee. One amendment was a rewording of a previous proposal allowing delegates and alternates to vote on council. The other was a new amendment concerning the establishment of a nominating committee. The amendments were given a first reading, and must be read again at another business meeting.

A report was made by the investment committee. Dr. Robert Fisher asked for society support of the Children's International Summer Village to be held in Youngstown. Dr. Schreiber, who presided as president, asked members to learn more about King Anderson legislation and to tell friends and patients about it.

YOUNGSTOWN DOCTORS ON S.S. HOPE

Youngstown and the Mahoning County Medical Society continue to be represented on the hospital ship HOPE as Dr. E. J. Wenaas arrives from Quayaquil, Ecuador, and Dr. John J. McDonough returns to the ship for his second term of service. Dr. A. E. Billett, Youngstown oral surgeon rounds out the local trio who have seen HOPE service.

Dr. Wenaas reports that living conditions in Ecuador are bad, and that the natives suffer from a number of diseases caused by lack of correct food, lack of sanitation and a lack of hospitals and proper medical care.

Dr. Wenaas was able to make good use of the cataract lenses that he has been collecting as a project in recent years. He took a number of these to Ecuador and gave them to patients. He has sent many lenses to be used in Asia.

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THIRTY YEARS AGO—MARCH 1934

From the annual report of the Youngstown Hospital: In these days the sick poor seem to have been overlooked. Hospitals failed in their attempt with the government to have hospitalization included with food, shelter and clothing for poor relief. The care of the indigent sick has become too much of a burden for physicians and hospitals.

From an editorial: "The financial situation of the physician is the same all over the nation. There is much complaining, demanding that something be done for him who has hitherto accepted the crumbs in silence."

Plans for a Central Office were maturing rapidly under the leadership of Robert Poling's committee. The Society mourned the passing of M. P. Jones who was loved by everyone. Not until his death was it known that he was the author of a Bulletin column known as "Breetus."

Fred Coombs and Carl Gustafson were resident physicians at Youngstown Hospital. T. K. Golden was appointed orthopedist on the staff at St. Elizabeth's. Walter Turner and F. W. McNamara were named the best dressed doctors. Both hospitals announced the opening of their medical libraries. The nurses registry announced a change from a 12-hour day to an 8-hour day.

TWENTY YEARS AGO—MARCH 1944

Dr. Emil Novak, the celebrated gynecologist from Johns Hopkins told the members that only a small proportion of menopausal women need any organotherapy and the use of estrogen has been greatly abused. The poor doctor would probably shudder now to see the amount of Premarin given for osteoporosis, mental depression and such nowadays.

Dr. W. G. MacLachlin of Pittsburgh said "The present epidemic of influenza has been mild except in old people. The new term 'atypical pneumonia' is generally considered to be caused by the primary virus of influenza and the common respiratory cold that precedes the lesion in the lung. The sulfa drugs have not acted as well as they did. I have observed two cases of pneumonia treated by penicillin in which the staphylococcus played the leading role. Both cases recovered."

Capt. H. E. Hathhorn was transferred from Oregon to a port of embarkation in the east. O. M. Lawton was promoted to Commander. Capt. D. E. Beynon was heard from but couldn't say where he was. Capt. Sam Epstein was in the Hawaiian Islands. Barclay Brandmiller was on his way overseas. Gordon Nelson was in Italy. Brack Bowman and Luke Reed were in California. John Noll was promoted to Lt. Colonel. Al Cukerbaum came home on leave and married Beatrice Sandler of New Castle. Major S. D. Goldberg at Camp Davis, N.C., received word of the birth of his son.

M. M. Szucs was at the U.S. Marine Hospital in Brooklyn. Harold Reese was at a Merchant Marine Medical Center and said he had no use for a

stethoscope. Dick Middleton came home on leave to see his new daughter born Jan. 25th.

TEN YEARS AGO—MARCH 1954

President James Brown wrote: "The burning need today is not more meetings but time to think and digest the material presented to us."

Editor Detesco said: "Physicians are urged to have plaques telling patients to discuss any grievances with them. We are exhorted to remind our patients that the Society has a grievance committee to which they may direct all complaints. This negative approach places every physician on the defensive. The doctor's integrity and honesty are questioned before the patient even consults him. All this is tantamount to self accusation."

The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis announced that polio vaccine tests would be conducted this spring on the tissue culture vaccine made by Jonas E. Salk. New antibiotics under investigation were Neomycin, Tetracycline and Erythromycin. It was discovered that Atabrine was effective against lupus erythematosus and a new plant remedy from India, rauwolfia serpentina would reduce blood pressure.

New members that month were: James Smeltzer, Frank Morrison, Anthony Telego, John LoCricchio, Edward Rizk, Alex Rosenblum, Charles Giering, Frederic D'Amato and Leonard Fagnano.

The Cukerbaums, Firestones, Goldens, Phillipps and Scarnecchias were back from a Caribbean cruise sponsored by the Pan-American Medical Association.

The Rothrocks, Wenaases, Mathays and Fishers flew from Cleveland to Paris March 25th for a six weeks' tour of Europe sponsored by the American Academy of General Practice.

Harold Segall opened his office at 2921 Glenwood Ave. for the practice of pediatrics. Fred Friedrich and Robert Fisher moved into the new Boardman Medical Center.

—J.L.F.

NEW ACTIVE MEMBER

DR. MICHAEL JOSEPH VUKSTA, a surgeon, was born at Pittsburgh on April 25, 1926. He attended Chaney High School and Youngstown University, receiving his B.A. in 1949. His medical degree was conferred at Ohio State University in 1957. He took his internship and residency at St. Elizabeth Hospital from 1958 to 1962.

Dr. Vuksta served 34 months active duty with the U.S. Navy in World War II and in the Korean War. He is active in the Naval Reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Commander, and just recently returned from a tour of two weeks duty with the Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Hospital.

He is a member of the Ohio State Surgical Association and the American College of Surgery (candidate group). He is a member of St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church. His wife is the former Dorothy Bosak and they have four children, Patricia Ann, Michael Joseph, Carol Jean and Janet Marie. They live at 434 Catalina Ave. Dr. Vuksta's hobbies are photography, golf and gardening. He is an ardent sports fan and is the Ursuline High School team physician.



C.I.S.V.

Youngstown, Ohio is to take its first step in a new experience in international understanding this summer with the establishment of the first Youngstown International Summer Village for children. This will be a 4-week summer camp for children from all parts of the world, and it will be held at the Christ Mission Camp on Leffingwell Road. It will be in session from July 17 to August 17.

Invitations have gone out to Japan, Austria, the Philippines, Norway, Denmark, Ghana, Great Britain, Canada, and Bolivia, and each of these countries, plus our own community, will be sending four children, plus an adult counsellor to our camp here in Youngstown.

The Childrens International Summer Village (C.I.S.V.) is a new approach to the problem of international understanding.

This plan was conceived by Dr. Doris Allen of Cincinnati, Ohio, who reasoned that the way to eliminate racial prejudice and international distrust was to bring the children of these races and countries together into a circle of friendship and mutual interest before they were old enough to learn fear, distrust, and prejudice. By working and playing together, making friends and exchanging ideas, these children could build life-long acquaintances with children in other lands, and think of distant countries as the homes of friends, rather than an alien and abstract land. Thus, news of a famine in India or a plane crash in Bolivia would bring concern for the safety of friends in these places, instead of a shrug of the shoulders.

Dr. Allen picked for her candidates for this adventure, children of the age of eleven, this group being old enough to be independent and emotionally stable, yet not old enough to have yet formed fixed opinions regarding social groups or races.

As a result of Dr. Allen's dream, C.I.S.V. has now grown into an organization of international proportions, and is still growing throughout the world. Two years ago a village was held in Norway and was attended by Bobby Stillson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Dean Stillson; Becky Nicolette, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Nicolette; and Lee Rosenblum, son of Dr. and Mrs. Alex Rosenblum. Many of us have heard talks given by these youngsters and others who attended camps in Germany last year (Greg Farnsworth, Patty Livingston, Judy Brick, and Steve Hogan), and have been impressed and excited by the way the children at these camps are able to communicate with each other in spite of the language barrier.

In April of 1962, Dr. Allen spoke to the Medical Auxiliary of our Mahoning County Medical Society, and this community was subsequently invited to send a delegation of children to a village in Norway. Through the efforts of Mrs. Izydor Werbner and Mrs. Alex Rosenblum, a steering committee was formed, which subsequently was awarded a charter to become a full chapter in the national C.I.S.V. This new chapter is now undertaking the challenging task of holding a Village here in Youngstown during July and August.

Naturally, an undertaking of this kind needs funds. It has been estimated that the approximate cost per child for the four weeks is \$200.00. Since there will be about 40 children, this brings the budget to \$8,000.00. Many industrial concerns have donated financially, many other businesses will donate "goods-in-kind." We hope that each one of our members will want to help share in this international experiment, either financially or through personal participation, or both. We would be happy to accept all samples which you might wish to save for us; i.e., antibiotics, antihistamines, bandages, ointments, but most important, we need your financial assistance.

Your donation to C.I.S.V. is tax deductible, and may be sent to Mrs. Arthur Nicolette, 117 Overhill Road. Yes, C.I.S.V.'s fund raising has been approved by the Youngstown Area Chamber of Commerce. Won't you please help us to prove that despite our recent notoriety, Youngstown does have people of vision and courage?

—Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

GHOSTS OF THE PAST AND PRESENT

Haunted by the ghosts of misunderstandings, injured feelings and buckled personal pride of the past and bewitched by the shadowy figures of the "younger men," who just don't show up, the Society meetings have been bare and the good faithful ribs who constitute the remains still manage to breathe life into the carcass.

Transfusions are being attempted by the Program Committee this year—new blood drawn from the Bank of Exceptional Speakers. Jolly blood was infused at the last meeting by Doctor Johnson and the veins of sixty-seven members infused. The next meeting will be shared with the Mahoning Bar Association and the principle speaker will be Doctor A. Reynolds Crane, past president of the Philadelphia Medical Society and present chairman of the Medico-Legal Committee of that Society. He has spoken widely in the Tri-State area of Philadelphia concerning medical testimony in the courtroom. He is an excellent speaker and his message will be of extreme importance to us and to our legal associates as well. Doctor Annis will be here in April—our fortunes are tied to this man—and he deserves the support of each of us, with testimony to that fact registered by our attendance at the meeting. In May, Barry Bishop, Ph.D., one of the American conquerors of Mt. Everest, will be here to give an illustrated lecture (pictures taken for National Geographic Magazine) telling us of this great adventure. Your wife and teen-age children are invited as your special guests. This should be a GREAT night.

And this is only the beginning!

Outstanding speakers are already scheduled for September, November and December—as well as the annual banquet in January. More about this later!

Your committee has worked hard to get together what it considers to be, potentially, a program that is hard to top. To make it a success, however, requires the cooperation and active interest of every member—indicated by his presence at each meeting.

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—B. C. Berg, M.D.

Program Chairman

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES

A guest at the Country Club was swimming in the pool when his trunks came off and he couldn't find them. There was an empty satchel at poolside and in desperation he put it over his head and dashed for the locker room hoping not to be seen or at least not recognized.

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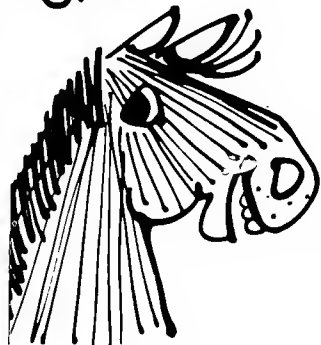
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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Feb. 11, 1964

The regular meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 1964, at Ravers Restaurant, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: Jack Schreiber, president, presiding; H. N. Bennett, B. C. Berg, W. H. Bunn, G. W. Cook, G. E. DeCicco, R. R. Fisher, F. A. Friedrich, Frank Gelbman, A. W. Geordan, S. D. Goldberg, Bertram Katz, Asher Randell, H. J. Reese, R. J. Scheetz, F. L. Schellhase, C. W. Stertzbach, Kurt Wegner, R. A. Wiltsie. Also present were Drs. H. P. McGregor, F. G. Schlecht and J. W. Tandatnick. Absent were John J. McDonough, C. E. Pichette and R. G. Warnock.

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were read. A motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the bills be paid. A list of the bills is attached to the minutes.

Dr. Gelbman reported on a meeting of the health insurance committee with members of the insurance profession at which an article on health insurance was presented by Dr. Gelbman. The committee would like to have the article printed as a brochure for the doctors' offices, and also printed in The Vindicator if possible. The committee thought that the Youngstown Underwriters Association might help pay the cost.

Dr. Berg invited members of council to a buffet to be held after the society meeting in order to meet the speaker, Dr. Henry Johnson. He announced that Dr. A. Reynolds Crane would be speaker at the Medical-Legal Banquet, and that Jim Comstock would speak at the 1965 annual banquet.

Council approved Ravers Restaurant as a meeting place for council.

A letter was read from Dr. W. O. Mermis requesting a waiver of dues because of disability. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that 1964 dues be waived for Dr. Mermis.

Dr. McGregor made a report for the constitution committee. In a series of motions, the following was passed by council: 1. That the constitution be amended and that the by-laws be amended to permit delegates and alternate delegates to vote. 2. That an amendment providing for a nominating committee be accepted, and that the committee should nominate one person for each office. 3. That an amendment provide that a person who is nominated and permits his name to appear on the ballot should not be allowed to withdraw. Council then recommended that alternate delegates coming under the new amendments be allowed three full terms on council. The amendments, as approved, are attached to the minutes.

Dr. Tandatnick made a report for the Housing and Library Committee. He reported that the committee has considered various sites for a building and various plans to include volunteer health agencies as tenants. Following discussion it was suggested that the committee continue along the same lines.

A letter was read from Dr. Noll, chairman of the Geriatrics Committee, concerning publication of a brochure giving a list of health services for the older patient in the Youngstown area. Council approved the committee gathering such material.

Note was taken of the OSMA House of Delegates meetings, April 26 through April 28. Drs. DeCicco, Fisher and Stertzbach signified that they would attend.

Dr. Fisher introduced discussion concerning the Childrens International Summer Village to be held in Youngstown. He asked for aid from the medi-

cal society. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the medical society send out a letter at our expense telling of the Summer Village and asking for a contribution.

Dr. Bunn, reporting for the Visiting Nurses Advisory Committee, spoke of some of their problems. Dr. Goldberg stated that the Board of Health has had meetings with the Visiting Nurses. He cited one case involving an elderly person with no relatives needing aid, and suggested that the city physician be called to handle this type of case. He suggested that Dr. Bunn and Dr. Schreiber meet with Miss Nellie Grant of the Visiting Nurses.

Dr. Stertzbach stated that action on the King-Anderson Bill is getting closer, and called attention to an article in the February 10 issue of Medical Economics.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Howard Rempes
Executive Secretary

S. Q. LAYPIUS OBSERVES

This month I should like to comment on general practitioners and specialists.

It has been said that G.P.'s are on the way out. Maybe so. Very few of the medical schools encourage their graduates to enter general practice. If they disappear from the scene it will be a sorry day for the public.

We hear so much about public relations. We hear complaints about doctors who won't make house calls, who charge too much and who act like *prima donnas*.

Some college professors have the idea that general practitioners and specialists are trying to eliminate each other.

All I know about is Mahoning County and that is certainly not the case here. Youngstown is highly specialized. We have all kinds of specialists, even brain surgery and open heart surgery.

Yet the G.P.'s are busy. They take care of 80 per cent of the illnesses in this community. In the serious cases where life is threatened or an operation is needed they know the best specialist to call on for help.

G.P.'s and specialists supplement each other. Both are necessary. The only areas of conflict are on the fringe.

Specialists are appalled at G.P.'s who try to treat desperate situations and call them in at the last moment when it is too late to help.

G.P.'s are resentful of specialists who do general practice. Some of our best E.E.N.T. men, orthopedists and surgeons are good G.P.'s but not recognized as such.

Example: After the operation, the patient develops phlebitis. The family physician comes in every day at 10:30 a.m. but the surgeon has been there at 8:30 a.m. and ordered the Parenzyme and the hot compresses. The G.P. looks in and has nothing to do. The next day he finds the patient has been coughing and the surgeon has ordered a chest film. He goes down to the x-ray to look at the chest film and finds it negative and goes back to the ward but the surgeon has written orders for the cough.

When he sees the surgeon he says "Why don't you leave something for me to do?" And the surgeon says "Well, I was there first." And there you are.

The patient has had the best of care, either from the specialist or from the G.P. That is the consummation desirably to be wished. The G.P. feels frustrated because his efforts did not have priority.

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BEDBUGS IN TRANSMISSION OF HUMAN DISEASES

During the past 55 years, bedbugs have been investigated extensively as to their role in the transmission of many human diseases. They fall into ten categories:

Bacteria. Anthrax, brucellosis, epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis, leprosy, paratyphoid fever, plague, pneumonia, septicemia, tuberculosis, tularemia, and typhoid fever.

Rickettsiae. Boutonneuse fever, epidemic typhus, exanthematous typhus of Minas Geraes, murine (endemic) typhus, Q fever, Rocky Mountain spotted fever (Sao Paulo typhus and Mexican typhus fever), Siberian tick-bite typhus, and South African tick-bite fever.

Spirochetes. Relapsing fevers, Weil's disease (leptospiiral jaundice), and epidemic infectious jaundice of Brazzaville.

Viruses. Encephalomyelitis, influenza, lymphocytic choriomeningitis, poliomyelitis, smallpox, and yellow fever.

Protozoa. Chagas disease, kala-azar, malaria, oriental sore, and sleeping sickness.

Helminths. Filariasis (elephantiasis), mansonelliasis, and onchocerciasis.

Vitamin deficiencies. Beriberi and pellagra.

Allergies. Bullous erythema.

Iron deficiency. Hypochromic anemia.

Cause unknown. Cancer (in mice).

Marked differences in strains are apparent from the diverse results obtained from different countries or areas working with the same species of parasites and bedbugs and the same experimental animals. For example, in experimental transmission of poliomyelitis to monkeys, by injecting emulsions of infected bedbugs, Howard and Clark obtained positive results, but Kling and Levaditi obtained negative results.

In Rocky Mountain spotted fever, the parasite develops in the gut, when a suspension of the disease agent is injected into the rectum of the bedbug, but the disease agent often fails to develop in the bedbug after feeding on an infected animal. In the gut of the bedbug, the organisms have remained virulent for 24 to 27 days, in boutonneuse fever up to 9 days, in epidemic typhus up to 30 days, and in murine typhus for 6 days.

Disease agents have been found in bedbug faeces in oriental sores, kala-azar, Chagas disease, anthrax, tularemia, brucellosis, paratyphoid fever, yellow fever, smallpox, and lymphocytic choriomeningitis.

The bedbugs themselves have died experimentally only in pneumonia and plague. Transovarian transmission of the disease agent has been reported in three studies: in Q fever, transmission of *Coxiella burnetii* in eggs occurred in 20 of 30 trials with *C. lectularius*; in exanthematous typhus of Minas Geraes, the rickettsiae were found in eggs and first instar nymphs of *C. lectularius*; and the nonpathogenic rickettsiae *R. lectularia* and *R. hirundinis* have been found in ovaries of *C. lectularius* as hereditary infections.

Several successful laboratory experiments led certain investigators to the conclusion that bedbugs transmit leprosy, oriental sore, kala-azar, Q fever, relapsing fever, and brucellosis in nature. Actual transmission, however, has not been scientifically proved. Similarly, the same is true of *Wuchereria bancrofti*, *Brugia malayi*, *Trypanosoma cruzi*, *Brucella melitensis*, *Coxiella burnetii*, and rickettsiae causing exanthematous typhus. The fact

that many agents of disease have developed or remained alike for days within the bedbug after experimental infection does not necessarily mean that these organisms are transmitted by bedbugs under natural conditions.

Individual differences due to physiological makeup or strains of bedbugs or parasites, or other disease agents, may result in viability or development of the organisms in bedbugs for varying numbers of days. The bedbug may nevertheless play an important role in the transmission of human diseases, even if only as a fomes.

—Sidney Franklin, M.D.
Health Commissioner
City of Youngstown

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS WANTED

The Freedom Team speakers of the Mahoning County Medical Society are continuing to make talks before local community organizations. They are looking for more speaking engagements.

If you have a church group, fraternal organization, civic club, or know of any such group that would like a speaker, please ask a representative of that organization to phone the medical society office and make arrangements. Be sure that they understand that there is no charge for a speaker, but tell them that speakers would like at least two weeks' notice, so that changes in office hours can be made if necessary.

VACANCIES FOR PHYSICIANS

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The changing need; who strove that his right hand
Might give relief, and keep at his command
The best, retain the good, and prove the news.
And now he sleeps. As long as men possess
This faithfulness to trust, this zeal and strength,
The heritage he kept, which we at length
Must also leave to those whose deeds confess
The debt they owe, shall be secure and give
A grace to what is done that men might live.

From "Leaves of Life"
By Warren DeWeese Coy, M.D.

PARKE-DAVIS TOUR IN OCTOBER

An invitation has been received by the Mahoning County Medical Society for physicians and their wives to tour Parke, Davis Laboratories next October.

Those making the trip will leave Youngstown on Thursday, Oct. 1, arriving at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel in Detroit for dinner as guests of Parke Davis. Tour of the laboratories will be Friday, Oct. 2. Dinner and entertainment will be provided by Parke Davis. On Saturday, Oct. 3, Navy will be playing Michigan at Ann Arbor. This is not included in the tour, and you will have to make your own arrangements for tickets.

Reservations for the tour may be made with the Parke Davis representative, Richard Hewes, or by calling the medical society office.

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REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1964

	Resident		Non-Resident		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Births	62	69	89	80	300
Deaths	88	74	58	55	275
Infants Deaths	2	2	1	2	7

JANUARY, 1963

Births	64	48	57	57	226
Deaths	92	73	69	49	283
Infants Deaths	4	—	2	1	7

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

	1964		1963	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox	104	0	55	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0	0
Measles	8	0	97	0
Mumps	78	0	27	0
Scarlet Fever	2	0	13	0
Tuberculosis	2	4	4	2
Whooping Cough	0	0	5	0
Gonorrhea	21	0	38	0
Syphilis	1	0	2	0
Infectious Hepatitis	2	0	1	0
Rheumatic Fever	2	0	5	0

VENEREAL DISEASES

New Cases	Male	Female
Syphilis	1	—
Gonorrhea	14	7
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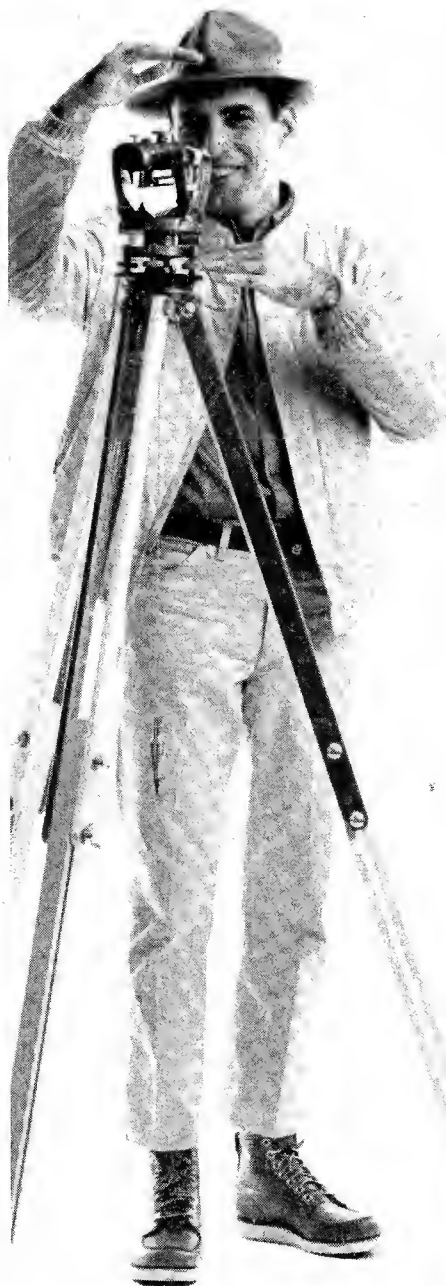
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